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SUBJECT: RUMORED FURTHER EXECUTIONS

REFS: (A) ADDIS 2946; (B) GENEVA 1812; (C) ADDIS 3203

1. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SIX MOST RECENT EXECUTIONS WERE FOR ENTIRELY DIFFERENT REASON THAN EARLIER EXECUTIONS, NEVERTHELESS, AS POST IS WELL AWARE, SUCH ACTION, PLUS "PERSISTENT AND WIDESPREAD" RUMOR REPORTED REFTELS (A) AND (B), UNDERSTANDABLY GIVES RISE TO CONCERN ABOUT ADDITIONAL POLITICAL EXECUTIONS. THE MOST RECENT EXECUTIONS (REGARDLESS OF REASON FOR THEM) ALSO REEMPHASIZE THAT PRESENT MILITARY REGIME IS NOT AVERSE PER SE TO EXECUTING ITS OPPONENTS.

2. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER EXECUTION OF THE SIX MAY AFFECT CONTINUING SUPPORT IN THIS COUNTRY FOR OUR MILITARY
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ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. HOWEVER, ANY ADDITIONAL POLITICAL

EXECUTIONS OF THE DETAINED FORMER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS
COULD HAVE HIGHLY ADVERSE EFFECT.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR. FOR
PRESENT HE AND WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION REFTEL (C)
THAT BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW IS TO KEEP SITUATION UNDER
CONSTANT REVIEW. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S RETURN HE WILL TAKE

ANOTHER CLOSE LOOK AT SITUATION. SHOULD THE AMBASSADOR
DEEM IT NECESSARY AT ANY TIME TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH
FONMIN KIFLE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL, AND TO REITER-
ATE THE CONCERN WHICH WE CONVEYED IN NOV TO MOFA, HE IS
AUTHORIZED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION PROMPTLY. INGERSOLL

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